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## 2014 Upcoming Yorkville Road Construction Projects

Several road construction projects are planned for this year. The first project is centered on the I-94/STH 20 interchange and the CTH C bridge over I-94. Below is a summary of the 2014 timeline for this project:

### April 2014

- Reducing I-94 southbound to two lanes
- Demolishing the CTH C bridge – CTH C will remain closed until November
- Temporary closure of I-94 during the CTH C demolition

### Early May 2014

- Reducing I-94 northbound to two lanes

### May – July 2014

- Shifting the I-94 northbound lanes to the southbound side of I-94
- Closing the I-94 northbound exit and entrance ramps at STH 20 for reconstruction and replacing the I-94 northbound bridge at STH 20
- All lanes of STH 20 will remain open during this phase. Detour routes will be posted along STH 11 and CTH K

### July – November 2014

- Reopening I-94 northbound exit and entrance ramps at STH 20
- Reducing STH 20 westbound at I-94 to one lane
- Closing East Frontage Road south of STH 20 for approximately one week

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## Annual Town Elector Meeting

The Town of Yorkville's Annual Town Elector Meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 15, 2014, in the Town Board Room at the Union Grove Municipal Center at 925 15th Avenue in Union Grove. The board room is located on the east end of the second floor. There is an elevator available on the west end of the building (near the main entrance) for your convenience.

The tentative agenda includes reading and approval of last year's meeting minutes, presentation of annual reports on various issues (including the auditor's report on the financial status of the Town (see Page x for a copy of the audited 2013 General Fund balance), a resolution to permit Town spending on highway-related expenditures to exceed those established by State law, scheduling of the 2015 Annual Town Elector Meeting, and any other business as permitted by State law. Please contact the Town office for a copy of the agenda.

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**TOWN OF YORKVILLE**  
**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND**  
**CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL**  
**GENERAL FUND**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2013**

	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>		<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Variance Positive (Negative)</u>
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>		
<b><u>Revenues</u></b>				
Taxes	\$ 1,110,892	\$ 1,110,892	\$ 1,098,282	\$ (12,610)
Intergovernmental	165,853	165,853	273,094	107,241
Licenses and permits	68,100	68,100	162,585	94,485
Fines, forfeitures, & penalties	1,000	1,000	51	(949)
Charges for services	48,086	48,086	48,608	522
Investment income	2,000	2,000	1,546	(454)
Miscellaneous	-	-	635	635
Total revenues	<u>1,395,931</u>	<u>1,395,931</u>	<u>1,584,801</u>	<u>188,870</u>
<b><u>Expenditures</u></b>				
Current:				
General government	316,167	310,715	310,019	696
Public safety	239,417	239,417	299,589	(60,172)
Public works	778,197	783,649	694,048	89,601
Health and human services	20,000	20,000	20,760	(760)
Culture, recreation and education	20,650	20,650	20,650	-
Conservation and development	21,500	6,500	20,492	1,008
Total expenditures	<u>1,395,931</u>	<u>1,395,931</u>	<u>1,365,558</u>	<u>30,373</u>
Excess of revenues over expenditures	-	-	219,243	219,243
<b><u>Other Financing Sources</u></b>				
Transfers in	-	-	600	600
Net changes in fund balances	-	-	219,843	219,843
Fund balances - beginning of year	<u>437,919</u>	<u>437,919</u>	<u>437,919</u>	<u>-</u>
Fund balances - end of year	<u>\$ 437,919</u>	<u>\$ 437,919</u>	<u>\$ 657,762</u>	<u>\$ 219,843</u>

**Fund Balances at December 31, 2013 consists of:**

Assigned for town hall building	\$ 186,446
Unassigned	<u>471,316</u>
	<u>\$ 657,762</u>

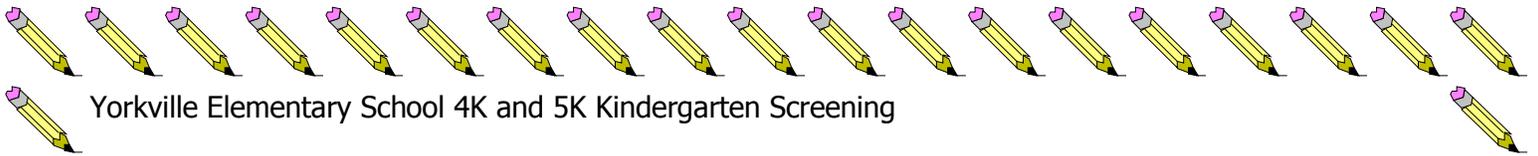
**TOWN OF YORKVILLE**

Peter L. Hansen, Chairman  
Terrence J. McMahon, Supervisor  
Sherry Gruhn, Supervisor  
Michael McKinney, Clerk-Treasurer

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Northbound traffic on I-94 will remain on the southbound side of the freeway until November; all lanes will then be shifted back to their normal traffic pattern. Similar work will be done on the southbound lanes of I-94 at STH 20 in 2015. More information is available here: <http://projects.511wi.gov/web/i94northsouth/home/> Resurfacing work will also continue in 2014 along I-94 northbound and southbound from Rawson Road to the Racine/Kenosha County line. Nighttime and limited daytime lane closures are expected for this resurfacing project.

Two local road projects are planned for this year. One is for the reconstruction of 50<sup>th</sup> Road from East Frontage Road (North Sylvania Avenue) west to 53<sup>rd</sup> Drive. The second project is for the reconstruction of Braun Road from East Frontage Road (South Sylvania Avenue) west to approximately 1000 feet west of Woodland Trail. The Braun Road project also includes replacement of a culvert approximately 1600 feet west of East Frontage Road – this should require a one-day closure of Braun Road at that location. These two projects will likely begin after school ends in June.



### Yorkville Elementary School 4K and 5K Kindergarten Screening

We will be screening all incoming 4K students on Wednesday, April 16th. Screenings will start at 9 am and will go until 2:30 pm. The screenings will last about 40 minutes and you will stay here while your child is screened. Please call Yorkville School at 878-3759 to schedule your appointment.

5K Screening will be Thursday, April 17th. There will be two sessions. The morning session runs from 9:00-10:30 and a second session runs from 12:30-2:00. For this screening, you will drop your child off and return to pick them up. They will have a mini kindergarten day with us. Please call Yorkville School at 878-3759 to schedule your appointment.



## County Government to Present Heroin Summits

Partnering with family members who have lost loved ones to a drug overdose, Sheriff Schmaling has organized several heroin summits to educate the community, particularly parents, on what heroin looks like, its street names, how people support the habit and more.

Sheriff Schmaling was recently in Madison to advocate for a bill allowing first responders to carry Narcan, a medication that is used to reverse heroin overdoses.

Officials hope that the combination of education, enforcement and prosecution will crush the drug's dangerous consequences.

As of this printing, the following summits have been scheduled:

May 5, 2014, at Gilmore Middle School in Racine from 6 pm to 8 pm

May 6, 2014, at Burlington High School in Burlington from 6 to 8 pm

These summits will be open to the general public; ages 13 and older.

If you have any questions or would like information on future summits, please contact the Sheriff's Office at 262 636-3822.

## **News from the Fire Chief, Tom Czerniak**

A significant change has taken place, since the last newsletter, regarding the level of rescue service your volunteer fire department provides. As of January 1<sup>st</sup>, the Union Grove – Yorkville Fire Department has moved to a Paramedic service. This means many of our members have completed well over 1,000 hours of instruction and skill practice to have greater knowledge, the ability to administer more medications, and perform more procedures than we could in the past.

We have more emphasis on cardiac, respiratory, and medical conditions where treatment can begin on scene or as we transport the patient to the hospital. Most patients will not notice any changes because we have always arrived promptly and transported you to the hospital providing what we could. Now we carry more drugs, and have additional procedures available for us to perform, as we diagnose your problem.

Should you have any questions concerning our move to this higher level of care please feel free to call the departments' non-emergency number, 878-4181, and we will do our best to answer and explain.

It has been a long time since there has been anything written about our transport destinations when you call 911. For (at least) the past 35 years, we have transported our patients to hospitals in Racine, Kenosha, and Burlington. I would like to specifically identify additional facilities that we now transport to. In Kenosha, we transport to United Hospitals System-Downtown (8<sup>th</sup> Ave.), Aurora Medical (75<sup>th</sup> Street) and United Hospitals System-St. Catherine's (76<sup>th</sup> Street). In Racine, we transport to Wheaton Franciscan Health Care-All Saints (Spring Street) and in Burlington, to Aurora Memorial Hospital-Burlington (McHenry Street). With the opening of Wheaton Franciscan Medical Group in Franklin, we have added this destination as well.

We do not transport to doctors offices, clinics, or urgent care facilities. We respond to all 911 emergency calls believing these are potentially life threatening situations. Recently, we have experienced an increase in people calling the emergency number to have someone come and help them get up (out of or into a chair, off a bed, off the floor). Since our group are all volunteers and not at the station, such requests brings members from their residence or work expecting to be responding to life threatening requests that require transport to a hospital. When the people call 911 for this do not have a medical problem, they are surprised when we question the need for our service. It is true, many of these callers need help; but not for the services that we provide. Further, with continued requests, we are faced with a cost that needs to be passed on, and so we are presently researching a fee for this lift assist service, which we do not believe most insurance companies will cover.

We do want to help but this request truly taxes the health and safety of our members and we ask, that if you continue to need this type of assistance, you seek the appropriate service to help you solve this continuing issue. Some possible sources for you would be a private ambulance for non-life threatening transports, Racine County Human Services Department for elderly of disability help, or even nursing services as advertised in the phone book.

In closing, please dial 911 for any emergency and we will provide fire and rescue help as professionally, quickly and as safely as we can.

## **Fire is Everyone's Fight**

Fire Is Everyone's Fight™ is a national effort led by the U.S. Fire Administration to lower the number of home fires and home fire injuries in America. The goal is to change how people think about fire and fire prevention using social marketing strategies to address the broadest possible audience. Prevention of cooking fires is a current focus area for Fire Is Everyone's Fight.

By registering to join Fire Is Everyone's Fight, you will receive free access to download a community outreach guide, educational presentations, handouts, social media messages, op-ed's and articles, public service announcements, customizable graphics, and much more.

<http://www.usfa.fema.gov/citizens/>



## Recent Permit Activity in Yorkville

Building permits were issued since October 31, 2013 for these major projects:

- 2410 Queensbrook Lane – New residence
- 2221 Raymond Avenue – Commercial remodel
- 1906 West Grandview Parkway – Warehouse addition and security wiring
- 20911 White Ash Road – New commercial building
- 611 South Sylvania Avenue – Construction of new compressed natural gas filling station
- 13815 Leetsbir Road – Commercial office addition
- 17502 Plank Road – Pole barn
- 19805 Durand Avenue – 150' monopole cell tower and equipment shelter



The Town Board and Plan Commission approved the following requests since October 31, 2013:

- 612 55<sup>th</sup> Drive – Norman Lauber Family Trust – Certified Survey Map splitting the existing parcel into two parcels
- 20815 Durand Avenue – Wildwood Holdings – Holding tank and pumping agreement
- 19805 Durand Avenue – AT&T, Racine County Fairgrounds – Conditional use permit and site plan permitting construction of a 150' monopole cell tower and equipment shelter
- 611 South Sylvania Avenue – Citgo Auto Truck Plaza – Conditional use permit and site plan permitting construction of a compressed natural gas fueling system and two dispensers
- 13815 Leetsbir Road – Prosser RV – Site plan update allowing increase in number of vehicles for sale on site from 30 to 50
- 13815 Leetsbir Road – Naturescape – Site plan permitting occupancy of an existing 8,500 square foot building with a lawn care and landscape maintenance business
- 14000 Leetsbir Road – Foster Coach Sales – Site plan permitting occupancy of a 144 square foot portion of an existing commercial building with an ambulance sales and service operation and use of a 240 square foot space within the same existing commercial building for storage of one ambulance
- 14314 58<sup>th</sup> Road – Mark and Joyce Sunday – Site plan permitting construction of a 6,000 square foot four-position ground-level loading dock between two existing buildings
- 2221 Raymond Avenue – Hribar Development – Site plan permitting occupancy of a portion of the site with outdoor equipment storage and to use two buildings on the site for equipment maintenance purposes
- 1500 South Sylvania Avenue, Unit 106 – Wisconsin Ignition Interlock Devices – Occupancy approval permitting the on-site installation of ignition interlock devices on vehicles driven by those convicted of driving under the influence (DUI) and downloading of information from the ignition interlock devices
- Stonecrest Shores Subdivision – Approval of new subdivision stewardship plan
- 14520 Braun Road – Terrence O'Brien and OBCO – Conditional use permit extension allowing for continuance of a non-metallic mining operation for clay extraction

## Town of Yorkville Annual Report for Building Inspection Activities for 2014

The Town of Yorkville utilizes building inspection services from James DeLuca dba Municipal Services, LLC.

He is licensed in all trades for 1 & 2 Family Construction and Commercial Building. He also has a degree in Civil Engineering, training in Public Administration and an Assessor 2 certification.

In 2013, the Town of Yorkville processed about 232 permits with a construction value of work done within Township limits of about 10 million dollars. The largest project was an addition to a warehouse with a value of work over 1.5 million dollars. The Town had seven new homes erected and three new commercial buildings erected.

The Town does require permits for all construction activity, such as fences, driveways, remodels, additions and, of course, new buildings.

An issue that has significant effect on both new and existing residential properties are smoke detectors. Residential units, both new and existing, are required to have at least one smoke and carbon monoxide detector on each floor.

A common question for additions, new buildings, and accessory buildings involves setbacks. Each zoning district has its own setback requirements and the setback requirements must be measured from the actual lot line and not from the edge of the road or curb. Zoning is regulated by Racine County.

All new buildings and additions should first be reviewed by Racine County for setbacks, height restrictions, and area limitations.

Interior remodel projects, such as repairs, and mechanical permits can be reviewed by the Town of Yorkville for permitting without County review.

# ***Here's What's Happening in April at Graham Public Library***

## **Adult Programming**

### **Book Discussion Group**

Attention book lovers! Do you like to discuss books with other avid readers? Library staff selects a "book of the month", and we meet to discuss our ideas, interpretations, and opinions of the selected book. Stop by the circulation desk to register one month prior to the discussion to allow time for checking out and reading the book. Group meetings are scheduled for the last Monday evening of the month from 6:30-8 p.m. Pre-registration is required. What are we reading?

Monday, April 28<sup>th</sup> ***Orphan Train*** by Christina Baker Kline

## **Honor Flight Program**

Join Charlie Wakefield on Tuesday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, at 2:00 pm, as he chronicles the one-day, emotional journey of thousands of WWII veterans who have traveled to Washington, D.C. to see their national memorial, courtesy of the Wisconsin-based Stars and Stripes Honor Flight. This free program does not require registration.

## **Children's Programming**

**Preschool Story Time at Graham Public Library** will be held Tuesday mornings, at 10:00 am, April 1,8,15,22,29. This program is designed for children ages 2-4 with an adult/caregiver present. Preschool Story Time includes simple stories, songs, finger plays, and movement for the "active" set. Pre-registration is not required.

**Home school STEAM Time** with Ms. Kathy will be held Wednesday afternoons at 1:00 pm on April 2,9,16,23,30. Homeschool children of all ages are welcome. Registration is not required.

## **Family Story Time at Graham Public Library Union Grove**

The second Thursday of the month (April 10) at 6:30 pm, Ms. Kathy invites families to Family Story Time. These sessions are for any age and any number of family members. This "intergenerational story hour" meets the needs of traditional and extended families. Families gather at the library for stories, crafts, and fun. The theme this month is "Prickly, Stinky Storytime". Registration IS required.

**Lego Lab Family Night** will be held Thursday, April 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. Let young imaginations work with Legos provided by the Graham Public Library. Registration is required and limited to 20 children. Children must be accompanied by an adult. No drop-offs please.

## **Make-N-Take**

Stop in every Friday between 10:00 am and 2:00 pm, with your preschooler, and make a super simple, self-directed art project for free! Supplies and directions are provided. Registration not required.

## **Library Hours:**

Hours: Monday - Thursday	9 - 8 p.m.
Friday	9 - 5 p.m.
Saturday	9 - 3 p.m.



## Plants that Attract Butterflies

It's obvious: Butterflies and flowers were made for each other. As the poet pointed out, butterflies are flying flowers, and flowers are tethered butterflies.

In attracting butterflies to your garden, it's important to understand what they want most out of life: nectar. The ancients, who believed that nectar fell directly from heaven, named it after the wines of the gods. A butterfly's wish list also includes sunny open spaces, shelter from the wind, and fresh water.

For a nectar-rich border designed to satisfy these requirements, consider the plants listed to the right. Then invite a few butterflies over for a drink.



## What is Earth Day?

Ever wondered how Earth Day started? This observance arose from an interest in gathering national support for environmental issues. In 1970, San Francisco activist John McConnell and Wisconsin Senator Gaylord Nelson separately asked Americans to join in a grassroots demonstration. McConnell chose the spring equinox (March 21, 1970) and Nelson chose April 22. Millions of people participated, and today Earth Day continues to be widely celebrated with events on both dates. The most common practice of celebration is to plant new trees for Earth Day.

Enjoy the tonic of fresh air, contact with the soil, and companionship with nature! Walk through the woods in search of emerging wildflowers and green moss. Go outside, no matter what weather!

Common Name	Latin Name
Allium	<i>Allium</i>
Aster	<i>Aster</i>
Bee balm	<i>Monarda</i>
Butterfly bush	<i>Buddleia</i>
Catmint	<i>Nepeta</i>
Clove Pink	<i>Dianthus</i>
Cornflower	<i>Centaurea</i>
Daylily	<i>Hemerocallis</i>
False indigo	<i>Baptisia</i>
Fleabane	<i>Erigeron</i>
Floss flower	<i>Ageratum</i>
Globe thistle	<i>Echinops</i>
Goldenrod	<i>Solidago</i>
Helen's flower	<i>Helenium</i>
Hollyhock	<i>Alcea</i>
Lavender	<i>lavendula</i>
Lilac	<i>Syringa</i>
Lupine	<i>Lupinus</i>
Lychnis	<i>Lychnis</i>
Mallow	<i>Malva</i>
Milkweed	<i>Asclepias</i>
Mint	<i>Mentha</i>
Pansy	<i>Viola</i>
Phlox	<i>Phlox</i>
Privet	<i>Ligustrum</i>
Purple coneflower	<i>Echinacea</i>
Rock cress	<i>Arabis</i>
Sage	<i>Salvia</i>
Sea holly	<i>Eryngium</i>
Shasta daisy	<i>Chrysanthemum</i>
Snapdragon	<i>Antirrhinum</i>
Stonecrop	<i>Sedum</i>
Sweet alyssum	<i>Lobularia</i>
Sweet rocket	<i>Hesperis</i>
Tickseed	<i>Coreopsis</i>
Zinnia	<i>Zinnia</i>

## Earth Day Events

Union Grove Elementary School will be holding an aluminum can drive from April 14th thru April 17th.

They are also having an electronics recycling event from 8 to noon on May 10th! They will take anything with a plug or battery but there is a charge for taking computer monitors and TV's. The charge will likely be \$10.



The Recreation and Parks committee is holding its annual Park Clean-up Day on April 26<sup>th</sup>. We are looking for volunteers to help with this venture. We clean up the winter debris and leaves from some of the parks in the morning (9:00 a.m.) and at noon we all meet back at Old Grade School Park for a lunch hosted by us. For more information and to volunteer, please call Kim at 902-7917. This is a great way to earn community service hours for any in need.

## Five Ways To Help The Earth

**1. Start Your Seedlings For A Home Garden:** Tomatoes, peas and even potatoes can be grown in containers on your porch, patio or deck!

**2) Plan To Grow & Can Some Of Your Own Food From That Home Garden:** Why would we want to can food that has been grown and transported from other countries when we can grow it ourselves?

**3) Assess Your Home Cleaning Products:** Choose as many natural cleaning products as you can or make your own simple cleaners from household ingredients such as vinegar, baking soda and water.

**4) Start Composting:** Diverting your food waste from the landfill and into a useful compost that you can use in your own yard is a huge way to help the earth

**5) Plant A Tree With Your Kids:**

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### **Important Dates and General Information**

The Town Board typically meets the second and fourth Monday of each month at 6 pm.

The Sewer and Water Utility Commission meet on the third Tuesday of each month at 7 pm.

Spring road tour: April 8th

Annual Meeting: April 15th

Good Friday: April 18th (our offices will be closed)

Memorial Day: May 26th (our offices will be closed)

Independence Day: July 4th (our offices will be closed)

Labor Day: September 1st (our offices will be closed)

